

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A contract handling system, comprising:
 - 2 an entry tool for entering a client request or a client inquiry;
 - 3 one or more model agreements;
 - 4 a document assembler for selecting and merging all or part of
 - 5 said one or more model agreements into a contract in response to
 - 6 said client request;
 - 7 a tracker tool coupled to said entry tool and said document
 - 8 assembler for processing key date reminders and approvals into
 - 9 tracking data; and
 - 10 a repository for storing said contract and said tracking data and
 - 11 for responding to said client inquiry.
- 12 2. The contract handling system of claim 1, wherein said model agreements are in a plurality of languages.
- 1 3. The contract handling system of claim 1, wherein said tracker
- 2 tool is adapted to automatically send said key date reminders to
- 3 said client via e-mail.
- 1 4. The contract handling system of claim 1, further comprising a
- 2 library of alternate clauses, accessible by said document
- 3 assembler.

1 5. The contract handling system of claim 4, wherein said library
2 of alternate clauses is indexed by type of clause.

1 6. The contract handling system of claim 1, further comprising a
2 library of supplemental provisions, accessible by said document
3 assembler.

1 7. A method of handling contracts, comprising the steps of:
2 entering a client request into an entry tool;
3 selecting one or more model agreements from a library of model
4 agreements;
5 assembling and merging all or part of said one or more model
6 agreements into a contract in response to said client request in
7 said entry tool;
8 processing key date reminders and approvals into tracking data;
9 and
10 storing said contract and said tracking data in a repository.

1 8. The method of handling contracts of claim 7, wherein said
2 model agreements are selected from model agreements in a
3 plurality of languages.

1 9. The method of handling contracts of claim 7, further
2 comprising automatically sending said key date reminders to said
3 client via e-mail.

1 10. The method of handling contracts of claim 7, further
2 comprising selecting one or more alternate clauses from a library
3 of alternate clauses and replacing part of said selected one or
4 more model agreements with said one or more alternate clauses.

1 11. The method of handling contracts of claim 10, wherein said
2 one or more alternate clauses are selected from a library of
3 alternate clauses indexed by type of clause.

1 12. The method of handling contracts of claim 7, further
2 comprising selecting a supplemental provision from a library of
3 supplemental provisions and merging said supplemental provision
4 into said contract.

1 ~~13~~. A computer program product for instructing a processor to
2 handle a contract, said computer program product comprising:

3 a computer readable medium;

4 first program instruction means for entering a client request
5 into an entry tool;

6 second program instruction means for selecting one or more model
7 agreement from a library of model agreements;

8 third program instruction means for assembling and merging all or
9 part of said one or more model agreements into a contract in
10 response to said client request in said entry tool;

11 fourth program instruction means for processing key date
12 reminders and approvals into tracking data; and

13 fifth program instruction means for storing said contract and
14 said tracking data in a repository; and wherein

15 all said program instruction means are recorded on said medium.

14. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein said model agreements are in a plurality of languages.

15. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein said fourth program instruction means is adapted to automatically send said key date reminders to said client via e-mail.

16. The computer program product of claim 13, further comprising sixth program instruction means for selecting one or more alternate clauses from a library of alternate clauses and replacing part of said selected one or more model agreements with said one or more alternate clauses.

17. The computer program product of claim 16, wherein said one or more alternate clauses are selected from a library of alternate clauses indexed by type of clause.

1 18. The computer program product of claim 13, further comprising
2 program instruction means for selecting a supplemental provision
3 from a library of supplemental provisions and merging said
4 supplemental provision into said contract.

1 19. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein said
2 library of model agreements is recorded on said medium.

1 20. The computer program product of claim 16, wherein said
2 library of alternate clauses is recorded on said medium.

1 21. The computer program product of claim 18, wherein said
2 library of supplemental provisions is recorded on said medium.